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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN 1976 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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1. EMBASSY UNABLE TO CONTACT BERLOGEA SO FAR TO DETERMINE
IS SHE HAS RECEIVED SMITHSONIAN INVITATION AND WHO WILL PAY
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION IF SHE ACCEPTS. WILL KEEP TRYING.

2. IT STRIKES US THAT DEAN CHITORAN OF BUCHAREST UNIVERSITY
WOULD BE IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR BELMONT FOLLOW UP CONFERENCE
OCT 1-3, PROVIDED DEPT APPROVES HIS NOMINATION AS
SHORT-TERM LECTURER (REFTEL B) AND CAN ARRANGE HIS PROGRAM
TO COINCIDE WITH CONFERENCE DATE. IT WOULD INVOLVE NO EXTRA
COST SINCE CHITORAN'S TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM WOULD ALREADY
BE INCLUDED IN IV GRANT. AS DEP KNOWS ROMANIAN UNIVERSITIES
DO NOT TREAT AMERICAN STUDIES AS SEPARATE DISCIPLINE, BUT
CHITORAN'S PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE MIGHT HELP PROMOTE CONCEPT
HERE. MOREOVER, CHITORAN COULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO
SEVERAL OBJECTIVES LISTED IN REFTEL A. IF DEPT AND SMITHSONIAN
APPROVE SUGGESTION WE WILL INVITE CHITORAN AND CABLE HIS RESPONSE.

3. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFTELS A AND C WHETHER IOAN AUREL
POPA HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED AS OBSERVER TO SEPT 27 CONFERENCE.
IF BERLOGEA UNABLE TO ACCEPT EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO TRY GETTING
POPA ON 30-DAY EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST OR SHORT-TERM LECTURER
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GRANT UNDER WHICH MINED WOULD PAY TRANSPORTATION. BUT TIME IS

SHORT AND CLUJ UNIVERSITY UNLIKELY TO SPRING POPA LOOSE FOR ONE MONTH IN ABSENCE OF ENGLISH DEP COLLEAGUE SEVER TRIFU, WHO WILL BE IN U S AS FULBRIGHT LECTURER AT ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY. WHICH BRINGS UP STILL ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE. IF BERLOGEA, POPA AND CHITORAN ALL UNABLE TO ATTEND WHY NOT INVITE TRIFU FROM CHAMPAGNE-URBANA? AS ACTING HEAD OF CLUJ ENGLISH FACULTY AND AVAILABLE WITHOUT MUCH ADDITIONAL COST HE WOULD MAKE ALMOST AS GOOD A CANDIDATE AS CHITORAN, ESPECIALLY FOR AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE. SCISSORS

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